

NOTICE TO U.S. PRODUCERS
MANGO BOARD
U.S. PRODUCER NOMINATIONS

October 15, 2004

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is seeking nominations from mango domestic producers to fill two member seats on the new Mango Board (Board). The Board will be responsible for implementing the recently approved Mango Promotion, Research, and Information Order (Order) (7 CFR Part 1206).

According to the Order, in order to be eligible to serve on the Board as a domestic producer, a person must be engaged in the production and sale of mangos in the United States and own, or share the ownership and risk of loss of the crop, or a person who is engaged in the business of producing, or causing to be produced, mangos beyond the person's own family use and having value at first point of sale.

As a mango producer, you qualify to nominate yourself or someone else for the domestic producer positions on the board in the forthcoming election. If you are interested in serving, please complete and return the enclosed nomination/certification form. If you would like to nominate someone else, you will need to obtain a completed form from the other person certifying that he or she meets the eligibility requirements, is willing to be nominated and if appointed, to serve on the Board. If you are nominating more than one person, please make copies of the form or contact us for additional forms.

Once eligible domestic producers have been identified, a ballot will be prepared and mailed to all domestic producers to determine those domestic producers to be submitted to the Secretary of Agriculture (Secretary) for selection. Two names are needed for each position (a total of 4). The Secretary will then appoint domestic producer members to serve on the Board.

Nominations must be received by USDA no later than 4:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on Monday, November 15, 2004. Nominations received after that date will not be placed on the election ballot.

Enclosures:

U.S. Producer Nomination & Certificate Statement
Roles and Responsibilities of Mango Board members

**MANGO BOARD
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&
CERTIFICATE STATEMENT**

I certify that I am a U.S. producer of fresh mangos and I produced mangos between September 4, 2003 and October 4, 2004.

Print Name:_____

Signature:_____

Mailing Address:_____

City:_____ **State:**____ **Zip Code:**_____

Business Telephone Number:_____ **Fax:** _____

Nominated by:_____

Mailing Address:_____

City:_____ **State:**____ **Zip Code:**_____

Business Telephone Number:_____ **Fax:** _____

Submission of Nomination to USDA

Once you have completed and signed your nomination and certification statement, mail or fax it to USDA. Incomplete or unsigned information will not be accepted. If you have any questions concerning this process, please contact Jeanette Palmer or Margaret Irby at 1-888-720-9917.

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Mail to: U.S. Department of Agriculture
AMS, Fruit and Vegetable Programs
Research and Promotion Branch
Mango Nominations
1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Room 2535-S
Washington, DC 20250-0244

Fax: (202) 205-2800

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USDA's policy that membership on industry-governed boards accurately reflects the diversity of individuals served by the programs. USDA encourages all eligible women, minorities, and persons with disabilities to be nominated for a seat on the Mango Board and if appointed, to serve and participate in Board activities.